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1. In early April 1955, during a meeting of trusted PZPR (Polish United Workers Party) members among high officials in the Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Minister of Foreign Affairs Stanislaw Skrzescowski made certain remarks regarding Ministry personnel of Jewish origin.<sup>1</sup> These remarks were interpreted to be highly anti-Semitic, and, following the meeting, certain participants registered a strong complaint about the matter at Party headquarters. Following this protest, Franciszek Masur, Secretary of the PZPR Central Committee, ordered Skrzescowski to hold a second meeting of the same Ministry officials on 8 April. Both Skrzescowski and Deputy Foreign Minister Marian Maszkowski addressed this second meeting and expressed their regret about the erroneous interpretation of the Foreign Minister's previous speech. Skrzescowski insisted that he did not intend to "deprive any comrades of their rights and privileges because of their Jewish origin." He only wished to point out that the behavior of some officials has been inconsistent with the modest way of life which should prevail among official representatives of the State and of the Party.
2. However, the Foreign Minister's apologetic remarks did not reassure many of the officials present at this second meeting and they continue to fear an impending purge in the Ministry.

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